

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship as stated below under my name.

I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR DESIGNING RINGS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

NUMBER	COUNTRY	(DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
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<u>  NONE  </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>  YES  </u> <u>  NO  </u>
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I (we) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)</u>
<u>60/221,685</u>	<u>07/31/2000</u>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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NONE		

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all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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